

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-8-11**

Date Prepared: August 7, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: August 11, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: August 11, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. USWC Docket D97.7.116 - General discussion, review answer, update, procedure to follow (8/12/97)
2. Energy Utility Service Standards Docket L-97.6.4-RUL - Discuss draft rules, action as necessary (8/12/97)
3. Pipeline Safety Rules Docket L-97.8.-RUL - Information to PSC on HB345(drug and alcohol testing) and its effect on PSC pipeline safety rules, direction from PSC on rulemaking to amend rules (8/12/97)
4. MPC/SB396 Rules Docket D96.2.22/L-97.1-RUL - Discuss matters as necessary, action as necessary (8/12/97)
5. MPC Docket D97.7.90 - Discuss preliminary determination (8/12/97)
6. PacifiCorp Docket D97.7.91 - Action on PacifiCorp's request for a protective order (8/12/97)

7. Mountain Water/Superior Docket D96.6.97 - Action on application for rate increase; final order as stipulated by MCC and Mountain Water Company, following hearing on July 14, 1997 before Commissioner Rows (8/12/97)
8. Montana Wireless/USWC Docket D97.8.142 - Act on motion for temporary waiver of administrative rule (8/12/97)
9. PTI/Digitrex Plus Docket N97.4.58 - Review and act on tariff filing (8/12/97)
10. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MONTANA POWER COMPANY - Docket N97.7.126 (Will)

On July 18, 1997, MPC filed its annual updates to the avoided cost rate schedules QFLT-1 and STPP-1 to comply with Order 5017, Docket 83.1.2.

2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.7.133 (Kate)

On July 28, 1997, Citizens Communications filed to remove the end user common line rate from its Montana Access Service Tariff. This rate would then be found only in the company's FCC Tariff No. 1.

3. VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.6.98 (Kate)

On July 21, 1997, Valley Telecommunications filed to revise its payphone tariff filing of June 11, 1997. The company had originally requested to withdraw its Paystation Service and Customer-Owned Coin-Operated Telephone Service offerings and replace them with Payphone Provider Service on a detariffed basis. With the revised filing, the company requests the same changes to its payphone tariff, but the prices will remain tariffed. Staff recommends approval on an interim basis pending the conclusion of Docket D97.2.33, with the exception that the proposal to eliminate semipublic phone service remain suspended.

4. PROJECT TELEPHONE CO. - Docket N97.6.99 (Kate)

On July 21, 1997, Project Telephone filed to revise its payphone tariff filing of June 11, 1997. The company had originally requested to withdraw its Paystation Service and Customer-Owned Coin-Operated Telephone Service offerings and replace them with Payphone Provider Service on a detariffed basis. With the revised filing, the company requests the same changes to its payphone tariff, but the prices will remain tariffed. Staff recommends approval on an interim basis pending the conclusion of Docket D97.2.33, with the exception that the proposal to eliminate semipublic phone service remain suspended.

5. COMMNET CELLULAR/USWC - Docket D97.4.64 (Karen)

CommNet Cellular and U S WEST Communications have executed and submitted for approval their negotiated Interconnection Agreement, which must be approved by August 11, 1997, or it will be deemed approved, according to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The companies agreed to adopt the agreement between Western Wireless and U S WEST in its entirety. At a work session held on June 25, 1997, the Commission directed staff to draft an order approving the interconnection agreement if staff review of the agreement verified that it was identical to the Western Wireless agreement. The agreement is identical to the Western Wireless agreement. Recommend approval of the draft Order Approving Interconnection Agreement.

6. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY - Docket N97.7.130 (Bonnie)

On July 24, 1997, Sprint Communications Company filed changes to their price list deleting text and adding verbiage to FONCARD Service which explains how calls will be rated when Sprint enters into an agreement with a reseller to serve as their alternate long distance carrier in regions where the reseller cannot provide service.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Colstrip Community Services Dockets D97.4.60 & D97.4.61 - NSA granting intervention to requesting parties was served August 1, 1997.

Colstrip Community Services Dockets D97.4.60 & D97.4.61 - NSA suspending procedural schedule was served August 1, 1997.

USWC Docket D96.7.121 - NSA amending procedural schedule and granting a one week extension of time to file surrebuttal testimony was served August 5, 1997.

MPC Docket D97.7.90 - NCA granting timely intervention and granting late intervention to requesting parties was served August 5, 1997.

PacifiCorp Docket D97.7.91 - NCA granting timely intervention and granting late intervention to requesting parties was served August 6, 1997.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-8-18

New Filings Received in Past Week

D97.7.134	Havre Pipeline - 1997 Farm Tap Rate filing
D97.7.135	USWC/Montana Tel-Net - Interconnection Agreement
N97.7.136	PSC - MDU Audit
N97.7.137	PSC - PP&L Audit
D97.8.138	MDU - Security Issue
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D97.8.140	LMS - Sale and Transfer to Big Sky Water & Sewer District
D97.8.141	Marion Orr Excavation vs. PP&L - Formal Complaint
D97.8.142	Montana Wireless/USWC - Petition for Arbitration